

a card body configured for making operative and removable connection with a signal utilizing device, wherein the receptacle module and card body are further configured to be removably attached to each other as a unitary module.

81. (New) The communications device of claim 80, wherein the receptacle module comprises a recess configured for closely receiving a plug.

82. (New) The communications device of claim 81, wherein the recess is configured for closely receiving an RJ-xx series plug.

83. (New) The communications device of claim 82, wherein the RJ-xx series plug is selected from the group consisting of an RJ-11, RJ-12, and an RJ-45 plug.

84. (New) The communications device of claim 81, wherein the receptacle module further comprises first and second electrical conductors provided in each of the recess, the first and second electrical conductor being positioned such that they make electrical continuity with first and second electrical contacts in the plug when the plug is received by the recess.

85. (New) The communications device of claim 80, wherein the receptacle module comprises two recesses configured for closely receiving two plugs, respectively.

86. (New) The communications device of claim 80, wherein the card body is configured to receive the entirety of the receptacle module.

87. (New) A communications device, comprising:

a receptacle module configured for interfacing with a communications line;
a PCMCIA compliant card body configured for making operative and removable connection with a signal utilizing device, wherein the receptacle module and card body are further configured to be removably attached to each other as a unitary module.

88. (New) The communications device of claim 87, wherein the receptacle module comprises a recess configured for closely receiving a plug.

89. (New) The communications device of claim 88, wherein the recess is configured for closely receiving an RJ-xx series plug.

90. (New) The communications device of claim 89, wherein the RJ-xx series plug is selected from the group consisting of an RJ-11, RJ-12, and an RJ-45 plug.

91. (New) The communications device of claim 88, wherein the receptacle module further comprises first and second electrical conductors provided in each of the recess, the first and second electrical conductor being positioned such that they make electrical continuity with first and second electrical contacts in the plug when the plug is received by the recess.

92. (New) The communications device of claim 87, wherein the receptacle module comprises two recesses configured for closely receiving two plugs, respectively.

93. (New) The communications device of claim 87, wherein the card body is configured to receive the entirety of the receptacle module.

94. (New) The communications device of claim 87, wherein the card body is a Type III PCMCIA compliant card body.

95. (New) A communications device, comprising:

a receptacle module including a receptacle configured for closely receiving a communications plug;

a card body configured for making operative and removable connection with a signal utilizing device, the card body comprising a cavity for removably receiving at least a portion of the card body as a unitary module, wherein the dimensions of the cavity and the receptacle differ.

96. (New) The communications device of claim 95, wherein the cavity is wider than the receptacle.

97. (New) The communications device of claim 95, wherein the recess is configured for closely receiving an RJ-xx series plug.

98. (New) The communications device of claim 97, wherein the portion of the card body is a non-RJ-xx series plug.

99. (New) The communications device of claim 97, wherein the RJ-xx series plug is selected from the group consisting of an RJ-11, RJ-12, and an RJ-45 plug.

100. (New) The communications device of claim 95, wherein the receptacle module further comprises first and second electrical conductors provided in each of the recess, the first and second electrical conductor being positioned such that they make electrical continuity with first and second electrical contacts in the plug when the plug is received by the recess.

101. (New) The communications device of claim 95, wherein the receptacle module comprises two recesses configured for closely receiving two plugs, respectively.

102. (New) The communications device of claim 95, wherein the card body is configured to substantially receive the entirety of the receptacle module.

103. (New) The communications device of claim 95, wherein the card body is a PCMCIA compliant card body.

104. (New) The communications device of claim 95, wherein the card body is a Type III PCMCIA compliant card body.

105. (New) The communications device of claim 95, wherein the card body comprises communication signal processing circuitry.

106. (New) The communications device of claim 105, wherein the card body comprises a DAA.

107. (New) A communications device, comprising:
a receptacle module configured for interfacing with a communications line;
a card body configured for making operative and removable connection with a signal utilizing device, wherein the receptacle module and card body are further configured to be removably attached to each other as a unitary module, and the card body comprises communication signal processing circuitry.

108. (New) The communications device of claim 107, wherein the card body comprises a DAA.

109. (New) The communications device of claim 107, wherein the receptacle module comprises a recess configured for closely receiving a plug.

110. (New) The communications device of claim 109, wherein the recess is configured for closely receiving an RJ-xx series plug.

111. (New) The communications device of claim 110, wherein the RJ-xx series plug is selected from the group consisting of an RJ-11, RJ-12, and an RJ-45 plug.

112. (New) The communications device of claim 106, wherein the receptacle module further comprises first and second electrical conductors provided in each of the recess, the first and second electrical conductor being positioned such that they make electrical continuity with first and second electrical contacts in the plug when the plug is received by the recess.

113. (New) The communications device of claim 107, wherein the receptacle module comprises two recesses configured for closely receiving two plugs, respectively.

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114. (New) The communications device of claim 107, wherein the card body is configured to receive the entirety of the receptacle module.

115. (New) The communications device of claim 107, wherein the card body is a PCMCIA compliant card body.

116. (New) The communications device of claim 107, wherein the card body is a Type III PCMCIA compliant card body.